



## Events



**August:**

**Back to School Prayer Service**

**September:**

**BBQ Picnic**

**October:**

**Outdoor Chapel & Fire Pit**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Dedication**

**December:**

**Advent Festival**

**January:**

**3 year old Devotional Kits**

**Family Bowling  
Bowl America Burke**

**February:**

**Candy Crush Fun & Games**

**March:**

**Lent: Pancakes & Ashes**

**Courage Quest Retreat**

**April:**

**Easter Eggstravaganza**

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Welcome to St. Stephen's



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Mission: to build a solid Christian foundation by loving, teaching, and nurturing children in our community so that we ignite a lifelong passion for living a Christian life.



"Your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is increasing."

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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United Methodist Church

## Children and Family Ministry

**2018 – 2019**



## Nursery & Child Care

At St. Stephen's young children are always welcome in the worship service, so parents can either use the nursery or bring children to church as they feel comfortable

### Cry Room

Adjacent to the Sanctuary for those wanting to see and hear the worship service but are uncomfortable staying in the Sanctuary with their child. Rocking chairs, high chair, toys, hymnals and children's books are provided.

### Infants and Toddlers

Room C46

We provide loving care for babies and toddlers during all regularly scheduled Sunday worship services and Sunday school.

*Child care is also provided as needed for Bible Study classes, church meetings and special events.*

## Children's Sunday School Preschool & Kindergarten

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Toddler/Twos – Room C44  
Threes & Fours – Room C43  
Kindergarten – Room C45

### **First – Sixth Grades**

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Drop Off: Fireside Room

Pick Up:  
First Grade – Room C47  
Second Grade – Room C49  
Third & Fourth Grades – Fireside Room  
Fifth & Sixth Grades – Room C59

*Youth and Adult Sunday School classes also available*

## 11:00 AM Sunday Service

### **A Time for the Younger Church**

Sanctuary

Each week, near the beginning of service, children are invited to come to the altar steps for a special message. First Sundays honor children with upcoming birthdays.

### **Godly Play**

11:15 am – 12:00 pm,  
Ages 3 – Second Grades  
Room C43

Following the Children's Moment, Children are escorted by a volunteer to their room for Bible Story, songs and directed play.

### **Other Opportunities**

#### **Mission Possible Kids**

Third – Sixth Grades

Second Fridays, 6 pm – 8 pm

This ministry meets monthly during school year and includes a light dinner and a variety of fun activities that help build strong friendships and faith, and typically a hands-on service project. Dates: September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10.

#### **Phoenix Rising Prep**

Ages 3 – Adult

Quarterly, Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

This ministry helps those in need by packing bagged meals during prep so they can be delivered on Friday. All ages can help as there is a job for everyone, ages 3 and older. This is a wonderful service project for the whole family. Additionally, we offer child care for those too young to participate.

## Music & Theatre Arts

### **Cherub Choir**

Sundays, 9:30 am – 10 am  
Ages 3 - Kindergarten  
Room C42

The Cherub Choir is a fun, inter-active way to introduce young children to music, through play, bible stories and songs. At the end of class, children are escorted to their Sunday School classroom.



### **The Children's Choir**

Sundays, 10:45 am – 11:30 am,  
First – Sixth Grades  
Fireside Room

The Children's Choir helps children build their confidence as they explore the basics of choral singing — good vocal production as well as learning to read music.



### **Mustard Seed Ministry**

Sundays, 4:30 – 5:30 pm  
Third – Eighth Grades  
Sanctuary

This ministry is designed to inspire each students' faith and creativity in a safe and nurturing environment, while helping students to hone their singing, dancing, and acting skills.